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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF JAPAN
FOR BREEDING SHEEP EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the shipper, name and address of the consignee, and a complete identification of the animals to be exported. It shall also show that the animals:

1. The United States is free of rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, sheep pox, and sheep scabies.
2. The sheep show no clinical signs of vibriosis or contagious pustular dermatitis (contagious ecthyma) and have been vaccinated against these diseases.
3. The sheep originate from a flock where no sheep have been found to be affected with scrapie within 18 months prior to the date when the sheep are placed in export quarantine.
4. No animals in the flock of origin show any clinical signs of listeriosis.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were negative to the following tests carried out from 20 to 60 days prior to shipment:

1. Mammalian tuberculin, .1 ml intradermally, read at 72 hours.
2. Paratuberculosis Johnin, .1 ml intradermally, read at 72 hours.

The animals were negative to tests within 30 days of exportation as follows:

1. Brucellosis 1:50 (standard tube test or standard plate test).
2. Enzootic abortion of sheep (Miyagawanella) - CF.
3. Leptospirosis 1:400 (microtiter agglutination) for L. pomona.
4. Bluetongue - CF
5. Paratuberculosis - CF.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. All sheep that did not show negative to tests conducted were immediately removed from the group of animals to be exported.
2. The sheep to be exported have been held in USDA approved isolation facilities for at least 7 days prior to shipment and regularly inspected by a Veterinary Services veterinarian with no clinical symptoms of infectious diseases found. The date of commencement and completion of the isolation period shall be shown.
3. During the premises isolation period the sheep shall be dipped once in a permitted dip and during this period be maintained under inspection by a Veterinary Services veterinarian.
4. The date of commencement and completion of isolation shall be listed on the U.S. Origin Health Certificate.
5. All equipment, containers, and carriers used for transportation of the sheep for export shall be cleaned and disinfected with an approved disinfectant prior to use with the sheep.
6. The sheep to be exported shall be transported without contact with any other domestic livestock.
7. Feed and litter for the sheep to be exported must be of U.S. origin. The feed and

litter used in the approved premises isolation and that used during transportation to Japan shall be from the same source.

8. No feed and litter may be additionally supplied from other sources en route.